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USAREUR INFORMATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FYS 2000-2004

The CG, USAREUR/7A, has given his full endorsement to the USAREUR Information Management Strategic Plan (IMSP). The IMSP—

➤ Articulates and supports the CG, USAREUR/7A, information management vision.

➤ Is a compilation of time-phased strategies for aligning information management goals and objectives with USAREUR organization-al missions and goals over the next 5 years (FYs 2000 through 2004).

➤ Outlines USAREUR priorities for managing long- and short-term information technology resources.

➤ Directly supports the USAREUR mission-essential task list and the USAREUR XXI plan, "A Roadmap for the

➤ Is available on the ODCSIM Homepage at <http://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil>.

NEW USAREUR TRAINING POLICY

The CG, USAREUR/7A, has ap-proved the latest draft of USAREUR Regulation 350-1, USAREUR Training Guidance.

Pending publication of the authenticated version, the working draft has been posted on the Seventh Army Training Command webpage at <http://www.opd.7atc.army.mil>.

The 24 May 1996 edition of USAREUR Regulation 350-1 and the 24 May 1996 edition of USAREUR Pamphlet 350-1-1 have been rescinded.

USAREUR PUBLICATION RESCISSIONS

The following USAREUR publica-tions are rescinded (proponent staff offices at HQ USAREUR/7A are shown in parentheses):

➤ USAREUR Regulation 350-1, Training in USAREUR, 24 May 1996 (ODCSOPS)

➤ USAREUR Pamphlet 350-1-1, USAREUR Guide to Training, 24 May 1996 (ODCSOPS)

NEW LIST OF ARMY TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

HQDA has updated the Army terms and abbreviations prescribed in AR 310-25 (Dictionary of United States Ar-m-y Terms (Short Title: AD)) and AR 310-50 (Authorized Abbreviations, Brev-ity Codes, and Acronyms).

The update has been converted to a data-base and posted on the Army Force Man-agement School webpage at <http://www.afms1.belvoir.army.mil> pending publica-tion of the authenticated editions of AR 310-25 and AR 310-50.

NEW ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

The following USAREUR publica-tions have just been published and are available only in electronic format in the Electronic Library of USAREUR Publications and AE Forms at <http://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/home.htm>:

➤ USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 600-55, The Army Driver and Operator Standardiza-tion Program (Selection, Training, Testing, and Licensing), 27 October 1999

➤ USAREUR Regulation 98-15, Safety-of-Flight Messages, 28 October 1999

➤ USAREUR Regulation 380-53, Information Systems Security Monitoring, 29 October 1999

VOLUNTARY LEAVE TRANSFER

Appropriate-fund, U.S.-civilian em-ployees may contribute up to half their annual leave to other employees who need time off for medical or family emergencies.

Employees who have excess annual (use-or-lose) leave should consider donating leave before losing it at the end of the year. Employees who wish to donate excess annual leave should do so before 1 January 2000.

Servicing civilian personnel advisory centers can provide more information on voluntary leave transfer.

MAILING PACKAGES TO THE UNITED STATES

Mailing packages from Europe to the United States involves many prohibitions, restrictions, and import-duty rules. All products sent to the United States must be free of soil and insects. A customs declaration must accompany every package. USAREUR personnel who mail items without listing them on the customs declaration are smuggling. U.S. customs and agriculture inspectors will seize prohibited items and may fine the mailer.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items may not be mailed to the United States:

➤ Products such as caviar, ivory, and items made from the furs, hides, shells, feathers, or teeth of endangered animal species.

➤Meats, sausages, salami, pâté, fresh fruit, and fresh vegetables.

➤Switchblade knives, handguns, and hazardous articles such as fireworks, flammables, and poisons.

➤Alcoholic beverages, liquor-filled candy, and absinthe.

➤Prescription drugs, illegal drugs, lottery tickets, and obscene articles and publications.

➤Items from embargoed countries, such as Cuban cigars.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

Personnel mailing restricted items such as rifles, shotguns, hunting trophies, gambling devices, and trademark items must ensure that import conditions are met and necessary permits are available.

IMPORT DUTY RULES

Gifts mailed to the United States are subject to import duty. Goods made in the United States are duty-free unless they have been physically altered abroad to increase their value. Personnel should write "American Goods Returned" on the customs declaration.

Foreign-made gifts are subject to import duty even if purchased in a military exchange. The rate of duty differs according to the item. Only the recipient may pay the duty and the \$5 customs-processing fee. Duty is not levied if the recipient receives no more than \$100 worth of these gifts a day and the parcel is marked "Unsolicited Gifts."

A package containing foreign-made gifts for several people remains duty-free if each gift is worth less than \$100 and is wrapped and labeled separately. The customs declaration must state each gift's value and identify its recipient. If one gift in the package is worth more than \$100, all of the package's contents are subject to duty.

USAREUR personnel can obtain the U.S. Customs Service "International Mail Imports" pamphlet at military customs offices for more details.

CHRISTMAS MAILING DEADLINES

To ensure that letters and packages sent to the United States are delivered before Christmas, personnel must mail them by the following dates:

- 4 December PAL parcels
- 11 December Priority parcels
- 11 December First-class letters
- 18 December Express mail

NOTE: The deadline for mailing SAM parcels was 20 November.

BLACK ICE

Black ice often occurs in shaded areas, on bridges, and in places that have rapidly changing, low temperatures. When the temperature drops, moisture on the pavement can freeze to form an extremely slick surface. This ice is difficult for drivers to see, because it looks black.

During cold weather, roads that appear clear of snow and ice may have patches of black ice. When the sides of the road are banked, runoff from melting snow can flow onto the road and freeze when temperatures drop. For this reason, black ice often occurs at the bases of hills in areas where the sun does not reach the pavement.

Careless driving on black ice has caused many automobile accidents. Drivers need to take extra precautions when driving in areas where black ice can occur. To help avoid accidents, drivers should—

- Be alert to their surroundings.
- Reduce speed when approaching shaded areas and bridges.
- Make no sudden changes in steering, braking, or accelerating while driving on black ice.

➤Be especially cautious when driving in the early morning, late afternoon, and after dark.

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